

Update on the Dire Situation of Journalist *Eyerusalem Araya*

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Before I update you about the situation of former Etob journalist Araya Tesfamariam,- I like to thank those of you who showed your humanity ,Ethiopianism and press responsibility by posting his urgent situation on your website on his behalf. Those few media who declined to allow one page of space to tell the world and to the Ethiopian people regarding his situation- only time and Araya himself can response when the time allow to detail the report of such cruelty.

Having said that, last night pass Midnight, Araya himself telephoned me and left a message on my answering machine crying with tears that torn my heart explaining that he was tortured by the New Delhi Security police inside the Hospital in an underground room. When he asked reason for such brutality- they were responding his case was related "Ethiopian Embassy" told them to beat him. "The torturer told him- "you will deported back to Ethiopia". His body was badly beaten.

He is now in tears, very upset, not knowing what to do. As I am writing this he telephoned me that he is in bad situation. He contacted the UNHCR in India "for the first time they repsonse in shock after they heard the story". I am afraid he might comite suiced. I beleive this has to do with TPLF's inside job. Before all these incidents, he told me that the same TPLF security who beat him to death for exposing the dirty secret of the TPLF in Addis Ababa before five years a go by the name "Hagos" came to New delhi (India) following him in every move he moved. Right after he told me his frastration of following by this man that happned the first beating that left his arm broke from the an irone rode by unknown Indian thugs few days a go . For the second time in a week yeterday again police tortured him taking him in an underground hospital room. I urge all of you to contact UNHCR in India and other ahgencies as few of us are doing our best to help this young Ethiopian journalist. I am currently working with Mr.Obang to do what we can. I am afraid that the situation is getting worst , TPLF will triamph in India to intimidate /even kill this fellow, knowing India is now its best friend of Meles Zenawi for giving away Ethiopian lands to India to feed its large population. I am trying to reach VOA. So far no one response. I called Tizita Belachew today and response positively with a promice to call the UNHCR based in India . I talk in person to Ato Betre SilTan of Tigringa program producer a week a go and yeterday- he said he will see the matter and will let me know the situation. To those who can listen Tigringa- you can go to Ethiopiancommentator.com and click Dejen radio and listen to Araya's interview. You

will be shock with the dirty secrets and murder crimes of TPLF (first part is posted the rest will follow). Thanks to Dr.Hailemariam Abebe. What a great job you done!

Thanks

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